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Editorial

By Janice Pedersen

Only One Answer to the Big Question

My Monday-through-Friday companions of the morning, disc jockeys Al Loman and Roger Barkley of KFI Radio in Los Angeles, were chatting noisily as usual as I prepared for work. Suddenly, their customary carefree tone shifted to an empty note.

"Why is it that successful people are often so unhappy?" they asked.

Loman and Barkley were referring to the recent death of American playwright Tennessee Williams, Pulitzer Prize winner for "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof." They went on to say that Williams, though even labeled by some as America's greatest playwright, was driven to drinking during his career because of his unhappiness.

"On the contrary," remarked one disc jockey, "it seems as if he should have gone home every night, looked in the mirror and said, 'I'm great! I'm Tennessee Williams!' But it doesn't seem to happen that way...."

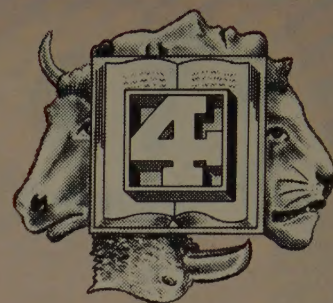
Pop tune recording artist Barry Manilow spoke recently in the Los Angeles Times to this very emptiness. He said that when people reach the pinnacle of success, they find there is nothing else to reach for, and it is something they must confront.

Every time I hear or read statements like these, I want to shoot my hand up in the air like in school days, jump up and down and shout, "I know the answer! I know Who you should get to know!" But it is difficult to get myself beyond that point.

Yet it is our duty as Christians to radiate the answer like shining lights which cannot possibly be hid. Francis Schaeffer in his book *He Is There and He Is Not Silent* states, "God is really there. He really exists. There is no other answer, and orthodox Christians ought to be ashamed of having been defensive for so long. It is not a time to be defensive. *There is no other answer.*"

Why are we presenting our vision on the following pages as our contribution to "Building His Church"? Because—we Christians have the answer.

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This We Believe

...that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God (II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:19-21).
 ...that God is triune--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; John 1:1, 2, 14).
 ...that man fell through disobedience (Romans 5:12, 19).
 ...that Christ died to redeem us (Titus 2:14; Gal. 3:13).
 ...that salvation is through grace (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 3:23, 24).
 ...that repentance and acceptance are vital (I John 1:9; John 6:37b).
 ...that new birth must be experienced to become a child of God (John 3:3; II Cor. 5:17).
 ...in a daily Christian life (I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 6:1).
 ...in water baptism through immersion (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:41).
 ...in the institution of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11:23b-28).
 ...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5, 8; 2:4).
 ...in the Spirit filled life (Rom. 12:1, 2; Gal. 5:16, 25).
 ...in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; Gal. 5:22, 23; John 15:8).
 ...that we must be moderate in all things (Phil. 4:5).
 ...in Divine healing (James 5:14-16; Matt. 8:17).
 ...that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal (I Thess. 4:16, 17).
 ...in Church relationship and in civil government (Heb. 10:24, 25; Rom. 13:1, 3).
 ...in the final judgment (Matt. 13:41-43).
 ...in heaven and hell (I Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 20:10, 15).
 ...in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work (Malachi 3:10; II Cor. 9:7).
 ...that the Church is responsible to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15; John 4:35-37).

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COVER PHOTO: Dr. Roy H. Hicks, Sr., General Supervisor (center), shares his vision with Jim and Allison Wells, members of headquarters church Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, California. Photo was taken at a construction site in Los Angeles by Cynthia Mullvain.

Building Together - The Vision

By Dr. Roy H. Hicks, Sr.
General Supervisor

Four Ways the Lord is Building His Church

Look around you. What kind of people do you see? Do you see happy people, content in their daily activities? If so, then you know they have set goals. They know where they are headed.

But maybe you see people who are weary, unhappy. Day after day goes by, and it seems as if they are just passing time. These are the ones who have no vision.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (KJV). One translator said, "Without prophecy, the people become demoralized" (NAB). To paraphrase from the Hebrew, "Where there is no vision or strong word of the Lord in their hearts, the people grow weary and become unhappy."

But, praise the Lord, the national Foursquare church in the United States and into Canada is rejoicing because we have our directions set! The Lord is building His Church, and we are working to be a vibrant part.

At the Global Leadership Conference in April of last year, the leadership of our entire church gathered and great vision was projected and received. Our part of that worldwide vision was to believe God for a total of 1,800 United States and Canada churches by 1990, an increase of 800. This first year alone, we can report that 106 new churches were started! Yes, we have our vision set!

You dear people in our Foursquare churches, you who worship together and listen to your pastor preach the Word, you must be the ones, and are, in fact, the only ones, who can help us with this vision. This is not a vision that leadership can do alone. You are desperately needed in order to reap this great harvest field.

We as the people of God must respond to the Word of the Lord in our hearts to reach the lost in this sad time. Each day, you can continue to make your time and your

life worthwhile by giving of yourself to the following challenges: we can do it—day by day.

Giving Cheerfully— At Home and Overseas

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First, we must continue to give of our substance to thrust out laborers into the field, both here at home and overseas.

Our purpose as a missionary-minded Church must not only be to tithe so that our local storehouse is strong, but also to consider a tithe that goes out of our own storehouses of blessing to a people yet to be reached.

Many of our Foursquare church leadership, i.e. pastor and church council, are double tithing to headquarters from their monthly budget through Home Missions and Missions International. Many groups (what we term "cults") demand a tithe from their people. If they don't give, they are dismissed from that membership. Our Foursquare Church does not do this, for we know our people love God and are some of the best givers in the body of Christ.

Freely Fellowshipping With Other Church Bodies

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Second, we must be open to be nonsectarian people. We must give ourselves with an interdenominational spirit to the total body of Christ. That is, we must freely fellowship with all evangelical churches. We in the Foursquare Church received a great heritage from our founder. Aimee Semple McPherson never fought anyone, but loved them all even as Jesus does. Many independent churches need to fellowship and to submit with other members in the body of Christ. We must be open to receive them into our fellowship with love.

Seeking Miracles, Signs and Wonders

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Third, we as a Foursquare Family need to constantly "contend for the faith once given to the saints" (cf. Jude 3). This faith was a faith that saw miracles, signs and wonders. God has set Himself to do a great work.



Cynthia Mulvain photo

We are Pentecostal people. We believe in the Lord God of miracles. We believe in a worship service that freely expresses its praise to God, thus setting the atmosphere to experience the manifestation of the precious Holy Spirit.

Going and Teaching Others

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Finally, we believe that a strong Spirit-filled church is not only anxious to be taught the Word of God through the pastor and Sunday school programs, but is desirous also to teach others. Let us be aware of the needs of our neighborhoods by conducting home Bible studies, children's crusades, and a strong witness on campuses and prisons. As an example of taking advantage of every opportunity, our denomination plans to have our youth greatly involved witnessing in the forthcoming Olympic games to be held in Los Angeles during 1984.

The above vision is attainable only as each one of us feels that personal responsibility. There must be times of unselfish giving of our time and resources, and a personal commitment to fast and pray. Permit me to ask each church to set aside one day of the week for a fast. The reality of the total church fasting so prayer will be more powerful is bound to reap great spiritual results at home and abroad.

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Dr. Hicks, General Supervisor, served as District Supervisor in Western Canada for 5 years and in the Northwest for 12 years.

Giving Cheerfully— At Home And Overseas

By Dr. Jack Hayford, Pastor,
"Church on the Way," The
First Foursquare Church, Van
Nuys, California

There is no more practical test of faith than our personal participation in tithing and giving both at home and to missions. At what point do I say more, "I believe in the invisible," than when I take 10% of my income and give it in the name of a God I can't see?

Yet people of faith have always tithed. The man called the very father of the faithful is the first one in Scripture seen to exercise the tithe as an act of worship. Study Abraham's designation as the paternal model of all who believe (Romans 4:1-12), and then witness his faith-filled encounter with Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-24). It is worth one's time to investigate these passages, for it becomes clear that our victorious possessing of the whole world for the Lord is linked to our emulating the qualities of Abraham's faith.

Saving-faith and tithing-faith are not the same. No one needs to tithe in order to be loved by the Father, saved by the Son or filled with the Holy Spirit. But the contingency of tithing is linked to God's covenant of protection and abundance, as shown in Malachi 3:8-12. If one tithes, the blessings are released. If not, they are hindered—blocked in their flow. It is as though God has provided abundance in a reservoir of His loving bounty for us, then has chosen to make the faith-act of tithing the key which opens the door for the flow of these blessings to us.

Clearly taught as blessings promised to the tither are (a) provision of basic needs, (b) the experience of profitable investments, and (c) the realization of effective witnessing. (Study and see in Mal. 3:11-12 (a) **the devourer rebuked**, (b) **fruitage guaranteed from the field**, and (c) **all nations** calling you "blessed"; i.e., they perceive God's goodness to you and want it for themselves also.)

For the few who do not know the



Bible, and who argue, "But that is an Old Testament Scripture and practice," it would be wise for them to discover Jesus' strong words confirming and affirming tithing as an "ought to do" for biblically obedient believers (Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42). The Church, of all times, has given proportionately, according to "as God has prospered," and for that obedience has reaped the blessings of God's provision and unfolding purpose being released to Her. That "proportion" is the tithe—10%, and the blessings measured back are **unlimited!!**

Freely Fellowshipping With Other Church Bodies

By Rev. Mike McIntosh,
Pastor, Federal Way,
Washington, Foursquare
Church

I was adopted. In fact, my whole church was adopted—into the Foursquare denomination in 1980.

Federal Way Foursquare Church was not independent by choice, but by circumstance. When Jesus told me to pioneer a church, I didn't know there was a "Foursquare." And I would cringe when people would remark, "He pastors an independent church," and think, "How wrong you are, brother. If you only knew how desperately dependent we are. We have no fallback system!" Yet, Jesus was prospering us. It was not adverse circumstances which drove us to a denomination.

What best expresses the frustration of our non-affiliation is the vision given to one of our deacons (now a pioneer pastor). In it, he saw himself flying over the state. Wherever there was a church, he saw a heart beating. Every heart was connected to another by various arteries and veins. Then, he looked at Federal Way and saw a large, strong, vibrant heart beating healthily, but its arteries only stretched out a few inches



An Attainable

Our vision, as presented by Dr. Hicks on page 3, is a goal—an **ATTAINABLE** goal. Read about those who have already experienced this vision in their own lives!

and stopped. There were no connecting arteries—no place for the blood to flow.

The vision captured our dilemma. Jesus was alive in our Body, but we had few places to communicate His life. Neither did we have input from others of similar temperament. God was preparing us to join the Foursquare family. And here is what we found:

1. Resources are available to enhance our congregational life, both through materials and leadership. Accessible leadership has especially contributed to a sense of church partnership through goals and vision far greater than our own.

2. Our church is now accountable to someone which preserves in us a teachable spirit. Yet, as we have grown in accountability, our integrity and initiative have not been compromised.

3. The foreign field is now readily approachable. Foursquare workers, already established in nations we couldn't have reached for years, invite our members to personally assist them and prayerfully support them.

4. We enjoy the denomination's spirit of family and fellowship, a critical emphasis for any organization which doesn't want to fossilize.

Once adopted, we are now blood kin. The graciousness of the Foursquare denomination in receiving us has fostered a larger vision in our congregation of yielding to the Holy Spirit and likewise serving all men.



Roy H. Hicks (left) and Jim Wells discuss the vision.

Seeking Miracles, Signs and Wonders

Marcia McArthur holds fast to Jesus' promise that He is the Great Physician. Read her amazing testimony.

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Marcia McArthur, Edmonds, Washington: My eyes were burning and itching, so I had the doctor give me a routine examination hoping a new prescription or my glasses would correct the problem. Instead, he discovered that I had a serious problem with scar tissue behind the retina which could only be remedied through an operation, so I was scheduled for surgery.

Over the following weekend I was nervous and worried, so I decided to visit my daughter, Geri, and her family, who attend the New Covenant Fellowship Foursquare Church, Oak Harbor, Washington. That Sunday we went

to church and my young grandson, David Barnes, who was just recently healed of Hodgkins disease, just knew that Jesus would heal me too, so he asked Pastor Steve Schell to pray for me. I didn't feel anything, no heat, no sparks—just the peace of God that passes understanding.

The next morning I arrived for surgery, and the doctor checked my eyes every possible way. He even put the solution in my veins so it would appear in my eyes. Finally he went to the door and said to the nurse, "You can cancel Mrs. McArthur's surgery. There is only a very slight trace of scar tissue (enough to show that indeed there had been scar tissue there), but obviously something has happened between her last examination and today."

Then the doctor told me that the scar tissue could have caused permanent blindness. "But after looking at your eyes today," he said, "you'll never go blind!"

Going and Teaching Others

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By Rev. Coleman Phillips,
Pastor, Escondido, California,
Foursquare Church

Outreach ministry is the vitality of the local church released to the community. Our congregation has observed that this must reflect genuine health and life in the church—not contrived programs. Spontaneous ministry of the life of Jesus channeled appropriately will always be productive.



Some of the ways that life is released at Cathedral of the Valley Foursquare Church are as follows:

Family Life

Groups: The regular last Sunday evening service of the month is cancelled as we break down into home cells all over the area. These groups are encouraged to invite the unchurched. The emphasis is worship, singing, sharing and prayer, and many times refreshments are served. Deep relationships are being established.

Eager Beaver Clubs: Children's Bible clubs are established all over the community with trained leadership. One leader led over 30 kids to the Lord in an apartment complex in just one month! Meeting weekly, these clubs use stories and puppetry to convey their message.

Street Witnessing: A group of young people pass out tracts and witness every Friday night in an area where thousands of young people gather to "cruise" in their cars and congregate in parking lots.

Convalescent Hospitals: This strong volunteer program enables ladies to minister to the practical needs of the elderly. We also hold regular services.

New Life Ministries: We cover a full rehabilitation ministry for people off the street. This encompasses drug, alcohol and other problems which necessitate strong discipline and ministry. Now located (although inadequate) on a ranch donated by a church member, this ministry has resulted in many decisions for Christ and totally changed lives.

"Without a vision the people perish" (cf. Prov. 29:18), but a vision from the Lord will always produce the life of His Kingdom.

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Building Together — Worldwide Leadership

In response to General Supervisor Roy Hick's four challenges on page three, ADVANCE interviewed the eleven International Board members so that you can read their response to the vision laid before the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.



Janice Pedersen photo

The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Board of Directors: (seated from left) Dr. N. M. Van Cleave, Dr. Roy H. Hicks, Sr., Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, Dr. Harold Helms, Dr. Leland B. Edwards; (standing from left) Dr. Leita Mae Steward, Mr. Daniel L. Crotty, Rev. Lorna De McPherson, Dr. Paul C. Risser, Rev. John W. Bowers (not pictured: Dr. Howard P. Courtney).

Our Directions Are Clear



ADVANCE: Dr. McPherson, what part does the International Board play in assisting the local church?

DR. ROLF K. McPHERSON, PRESIDENT: The International Board of Directors serves as the corporate board of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. All corporations must have a legal board and all legal business is transacted by this board.

Inasmuch as all Foursquare churches are a part of the corporation, the board serves in all legal aspects of the entire movement. This includes the appointment of supervisors and pastors, handling of all property transactions, creation of loans, providing for proper records, issuance of licenses, ordination and church charters, as well as oversight of the missionary program of the churches and special ministries such as the chaplaincy. The board is also responsible for calling interim conventions.

■ Dr. Rolf K. McPherson has served the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel as President since 1944.



ADVANCE: Dr. Hicks, how is God's direction included in the board's decision-making?

DR. ROY H. HICKS, SR., GENERAL SUPERVISOR: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1, KJV).

We must believe the Word of God and accept authorities as God's divine appointments. So it is with the authority entrusted to the International Board.

It is miraculous the way God leads and gives wisdom to men and women whom He appoints to be the earthly leadership of His Church. The Word of God tells us that if we are faithful to pray for those in authority, we will then live quiet and peaceful lives. Believe this with us and continually pray for us.

■ Dr. Hicks, General Supervisor, served as District Supervisor in Western Canada for five years and in the Northwest for twelve years.



ADVANCE: Dr. Edwards, what prompted the North American Foursquare Body to set the specific direction of a total of 1,800 churches by 1990?

DR. LELAND B. EDWARDS, SECRETARY: When our North American Foursquare Church leaders set this goal in April of 1982, many reasons were cited from their hearts. First, God brought

the Foursquare organization into existence for strong evangelism and renewal. This is a time for both. Second, all across North America, the youth have many different cultures. Most of these "youth peoples groups" have had little, and in some cases, no penetration by the gospel. They haven't really "heard." Finally, we have a great ethnic population that is ever increasing. Our vision includes reaching and planting churches among all the different residents of our land.

■ Dr. Edwards, Secretary to the International Board, has served as Foursquare Missions Director for the past 16 years.



ADVANCE: Rev. McPherson, a total of 1,800 churches by 1990 is our vision. Is this possible?

REV. LORNA DE McPHERSON, DIRECTOR: Oh yes, it is possible, if we choose God as our Senior Partner! The question is asked in Genesis 18:14, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (KJV). Job found the answer and spoke to the Lord, "I know that thou canst do every thing" (Job 42:2, KJV). The angel answered Mary (Luke 1:37, KJV), "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

One of the Foursquare Church's first supervisors, Dr. Frank Cummings of the

West District, had as his motto, "It can be done!" Remember always, we are not dealing with a reluctant diety. What is our true motivation for planting more churches? God says He will increase the seed to increase the harvest which will again produce seed (II Cor. 9:10). If this is our motivation, even with God's help we cannot fail.

■ *Rev. McPherson, wife of Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, has served on the International Board since her appointment in 1944.*

ADVANCE: Dr. Courtney, how can we have a faith that sees miracles, signs and wonders, as mentioned by Dr. Hicks in his address?

DR. HOWARD P. COURTNEY, DIRECTOR: Jesus himself said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12, KJV).

The early church moved ahead under the impetus of signs, wonders, and miracles. The birth of our own denomination had its beginnings in mighty, miraculous moves of the Almighty God. To intend for the supernatural, to believe in it, is to have it. This is a worthy goal for the future.

Jesus also mentioned something of which we should take note: "...this kind of power cometh not out but by prayer and fasting" (Matt. 17:21, KJV).

■ *Dr. Courtney has served on the International Board since 1944. He has also served as Director of Missions International, General Supervisor, and in many other capacities.*

ADVANCE: Dr. Van Cleave, Dr. Hicks sees a vital need for each church member to tithe. Why is tithing considered so important?

DR. N. M. VAN CLEAVE, DIRECTOR: Acts, Paul uses a quotation apparently so widely known that the gospel writers did not think it necessary to record it. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35, KJV). Paul urged the Ephesian elders at in "laboring ye ought to support the laborer." This suggests that every Christian laborer (employed person) ought to set apart for God's work a generous amount.

If under the law, the faithful were required to give a tenth part, then we who are under grace ought not to give less than the law required. But giving is more than a duty; it is a glorious source of immeasurable blessedness. "God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7, KJV).

■ *Dr. Van Cleave has served as President of LIFE Bible College at Los Angeles, General Supervisor, and in many other capacities.*

ADVANCE: Rev. Bowers, why should we step outside our doors to fellowship with others in the Body of Christ, as Dr. Hicks suggests?

REV. JOHN W. BOWERS, DIRECTOR: The interdenominational spirit of our Foursquare Church movement has always been a very freeing experience in relationships with others. The cornerstone of Angelus Temple, our original mother church, serves as a constant reminder to us all... "Dedicated Unto the Cause of Inter-denominational and World Wide Evangelism..."

When we manifest a spirit of reaching out to other churches and people, embracing them in love, then together we show to the world the true meaning of Christianity. We also have a much more effective plan of outreach in fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord to GO and TEACH.

■ *For five years, Rev. Bowers served as National Director of Youth and Christian Education and Foursquare Publications. He now serves as Assistant to the General Supervisor.*

ADVANCE: Dr. Helms, why fast?

DR. HAROLD HELMS, DIRECTOR/VICE PRESIDENT: Jesus said in Matthew 6:16, "When ye fast"—not "if ye fast." Paul spoke of "watchings" (going without sleep) and "fastings" (going without food) (II Cor. 6:5, KJV). Prophets and teachers in Antioch "ministered to the Lord, and fasted" (Acts 13:2); so fasting may be seen as directed toward God as a ministry to Him.

Fasting is never meant to overcome any reluctance on God's part to bless His people. (It is not a hunger strike!) Neither is fasting an occasion to display "spirituality." When Jesus wanted to illustrate hypocrisy at its worst He chose a praying, fasting man. Through fasting and prayer we are identifying with the burden of our Lord for a lost world.

■ *Dr. Helms is pastor of headquarters church Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, California. Before coming to Los Angeles, he pastored the Decatur, Illinois, Foursquare Church for six years.*

ADVANCE: Dr. Risser, what one thought would encourage us most to tell others about Christ?

DR. PAUL C. RISSE, DIRECTOR: We have heard it said, "God has prepared the gospel for the world, and He has prepared the world for the gospel." How evident this is today.

The spiritual climate of the world is such that people are being pressed out of their artificial states of "happiness" or "contentment" and they are looking

for real answers. The church is finding a new readiness and receptiveness to hear the claims of Christ.

Since the non-Christian seems so ready to LISTEN, the biggest need of the church is to get itself into a mood to TELL. No greater joy can be experienced by a believer than that of seeing a lost person being born into the Kingdom of God.

■ *Dr. Risser pastored in Brownfield, Texas, for 10 years prior to assuming his present pastorate at the Florence Avenue, California, Foursquare Church in 1972.*

ADVANCE: Mr. Crotty, many people ask, "How can I do anything? I'm only one person." As a businessman and church member yourself, what can you tell them?

MR. DANIEL L. CROTTY, DIRECTOR: Writing from the perspective of a layman, I know that it is only we, the members and fellow believers, who can make the goal of 800 new U.S. churches a reality. No appointed committee can assume the God-given responsibility entrusted to each believer.

Specifically, we must seek God's direction each day for our own life's responsibilities on the job and in the family. Then we are to ask what part we have in prayer, service and material giving. We each have a talent, some unneeded possession and financial offering which, when yielded to God's use, He will direct.

■ *Mr. Crotty has served as Director and Corporate Secretary of the Lloyd Corporation since 1975.*

ADVANCE: Dr. Steward, as Secretary to the International Board for 37 years, how have you seen God's faithfulness?

DR. LEITA MAE STEWARD, SECRETARY TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD: When presenting the sketched plan for Angelus Temple, Sister McPherson was told that her few \$5,000 would only dig the hole. She triumphantly responded, "You dig the hole and God will fill it."

God "filled" that hole and it has been thrilling to watch steady growth through a 400% increase in the number of legal, single-spaced minutes "filled" with great expansion in contrast to 1943. God "filled in" a dedicated successor to our founder with his great gift of government. God has "filled in" the finances and we are known for our solvency. On the board we have watched God "filling in" areas throughout the world through consecrated vessels bearing this glorious Foursquare message.

■ *Dr. Steward has served both as Private Secretary to the President and Secretary to the Board of Directors since 1946.*

"TOGETHER, the members of the Foursquare Family around the world want to say thank you to the North American Church. Thank you for 60 years of loving, generous support. Because of you, millions have been touched by the gospel of Jesus Christ."

**—Dr. Leland B. Edwards
Director, Missions International**

Together

Over the years you have liberally given prayerful and financial support to advance the gospel around the world," says Dr. Leland B. Edwards, Director, Missions International. "You've even given the most precious gifts that anyone could give—your people! On behalf of everyone saved, healed and set free I can sincerely say *thank you.*"

TOGETHER, the Foursquare Family has worked tirelessly to carry the gospel where it has not been heard.

A Closer Look. Consider this: in only 30 years we've gone from 363 churches and meeting places to almost 8,000! From working in 16 countries to working in 47! From 53 North American missionaries to 123! From a missions income in 1981 of \$2,822,000 to an '82 income of \$3,459,000! But our work has just begun. God's call to continue is a strong command.



ASIA. This giant continent is a spiritual vacuum. Millions lead empty lives bound by the occult, and religious and political oppression. TOGETHER, we'll pray, give and go to them so that they may hear the gospel and be set free.

INDIA. Many minds are chained to spiritual darkness. But the power of Jesus will set them free. TOGETHER, with the Foursquare Church of India, our vision is to reach that entire subcontinent and its hundreds of millions of people.

EUROPE. Historically, they've known the name of Jesus. But today only few know Him. TOGETHER, we'll work to overcome the humanism that has corrupted Europe. Dissolute thought will end. And the single-mindedness of life in Christ will prevail.

AFRICA. Let us pray that before the turn of the century, Africa will be classified as a "Christian" continent. But aggressive spiritual forces now battle the gospel. TOGETHER, we *must* intercede.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. Thousands upon thousands testify to the miraculous power of the gospel. TOGETHER, through your prayers



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and support, we'll help extend the gospel to more unreached peoples.

ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC. The gospel is reaching toward the "...ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). TOGETHER, let's reach these Hidden People groups. Faithful workers and sponsors will help finish the task. We're in the "Decade of Destiny."

YOU ARE IMPORTANT. Because you, the Church in North America, have received the challenge and obeyed the command to "pray the Lord of the harvest" (Luke 10:2), many thousands of laborers have been thrust into the harvest field.

Your generous gifts continue to make possible the global efforts of Foursquare Missions.

THANK YOU. Not only from those already reached, but also, by faith, from those who will be reached.

Together!

Dr. Leland B. Edwards

Dr. Leland B. Edwards is the Director of Foursquare Missions International. Raised in Latin America, he served there for 23 years under missionary appointment. In 1960 he was appointed Assistant Director of Foursquare Missions. He assumed his present duties in 1965. As Director of Foursquare Missions, he travels extensively overseeing our international ministry. Dr. Edwards also serves on the denomination's Board of Directors as Corporation Secretary.

Dr. Edwards and his wife, Barbara, were prime movers in several early Foursquare ministries: the international youth camp program, gospel radio in Latin America during the early '40s and the establishment of many indigenous Foursquare churches there. Leland and Barbara have two sons. Arthur is a teacher of Spanish and French at a local high school. Loren is a Foursquare missionary to Panama.



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UPDATE... A REPORT OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES

SPECIAL REPORT

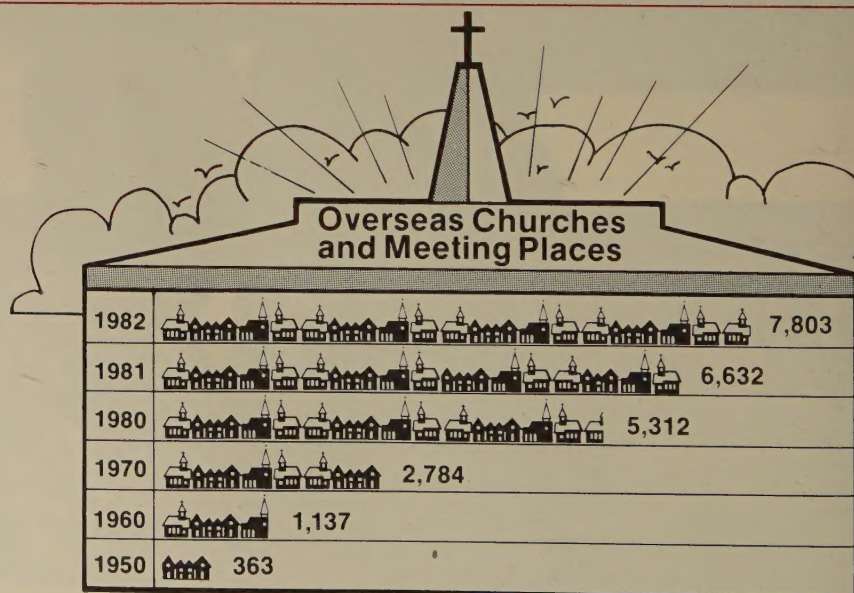
ADVANCING
THROUGH THE
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In April, 1982, Dr. Leland Edwards presented to the International Convention delegates a strategic plan that sprung forth inspirationally from the year 33 A.D. The Great Commission command issued by Jesus Christ was for world evangelization. The plan, "Advancing Through the '80s!", was geared to address the 1980 Commitment—that through Foursquare missions, worldwide, we would reach at least 100 unreached and Hidden People groups by 1990. The steps of thrust designed to aid in this achievement would be that we would, 1) double our church constituency abroad (from 740,000 to 1.5 million) through fervent evangelism and intense disciple making, "they went everywhere preaching the Word"; 2) increase our overseas missionary personnel from 102 missionaries to 185 by 1990; 3) penetrate new countries from 37 (39 including the U.S. and Canada) to no less than 55 internationally; 4) trust God for a sharp increase of finances for the harvest from \$2.8 million in 1981 to \$10 million plus during the year 1990!

Let's take a look at what's happened in the first year of "Advancing Through the '80s!"

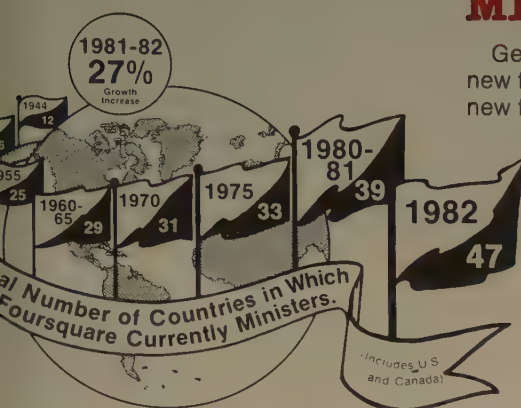
CHURCHES AND MEETING PLACES:

The natural result of seeing people come to Jesus Christ is the forming of church congregations. Together with the larger body of Christ, we are pressing forward to see a viable body of believers in every people group by the year 2000 A.D. During the year of 1982, 1171 congregations and meeting places were added, thus penetrating that same number of new areas with the Foursquare Gospel. Last year 3.26 Foursquare churches and meeting places were established every day; that is one every eight hours.





MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL 4



MISSIONARIES:

Gearing up for the task of penetrating new frontiers in 1982, we sent out 16 new full-term and short-term missionary

appointees. Even with some missionary terms ending, this pushes the total to 123 workers. Our goal is 185 workers by 1990!



COUNTRIES:

The 100 Hidden People commitment led us into opening 6 new countries on our major continents, Haiti, Liberia, Cambodia, Singapore, France and Norway, making the total to date of 47 countries. Our goal of 55 by 1990 grows nearer.

MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS:

Many new members and adherents this year make up Foursquare's increasing worldwide body of believers now numbering 905,258. Daily the Lord added more than 660 people, those that should be saved.

NATIONAL WORKERS:

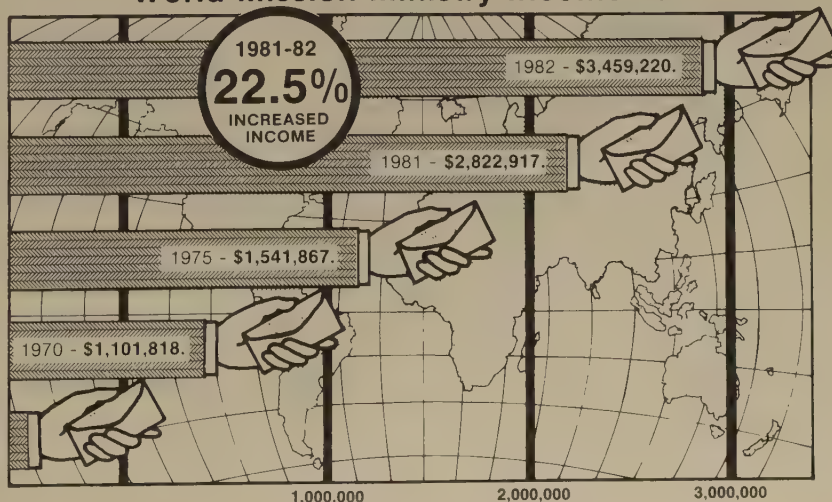
The multiplication of national workers and leaders in the Foursquare world globally has been the key for growth. Though missionaries play vital and strategic roles of importance, the broad advances seen this year and before are the direct result of dynamic local nationals being thrust out by the Lord to the fields of harvest. Our grand total this year is more than 20,574 ministers and workers, while 2,360 are still in training for the task in local churches and training schools and colleges.

MISSIONS GIVING:

Financing the harvest miraculously increased last year by more than 22.5% here in North America, in spite of a depressed economy. The Lord has taken the small amounts and multiplied them. If 50% of our North American constituency gave only \$5 each week for 52 weeks this year, we would exceed \$13 million since many presently give much more than that. If we, the entire constituency, pastors and members alike, would sincerely commit ourselves

to the Great Commission, our 1990 goal of 185 active full-term missionaries, opening more than 55 countries and increasing our worldwide body of believers to 1.5 million would be easily met! Let's go for it! If you are willing to get involved, start this week! Give what you can. Increase your giving to Foursquare Missions if possible—in your local Foursquare church or send it directly to Foursquare Missions International, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

World Mission Ministry Income 1982





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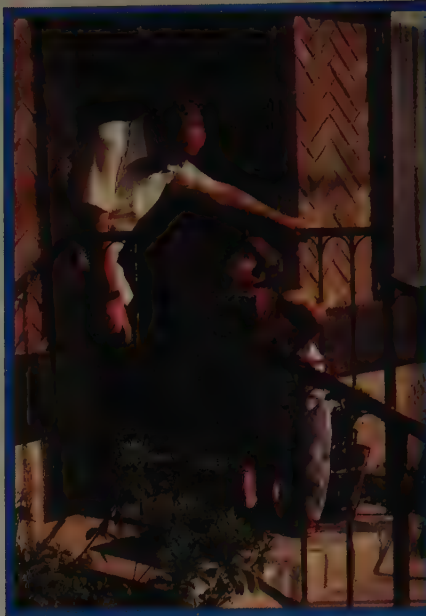
Foursquare Churches Called to Join in Week of Prayer

Christians throughout the United States are being called upon to observe a week of prayer, repentance and humility before God April 29 - May 5. A One Nation Under God, Inc., project to expand the annual National Day of Prayer, this endeavor will support the Senate and the President of the United States in designating 1983 as the "Year of the Bible" to draw the attention of the American people to the Holy Scriptures. The co-chairmen of this event are Dr. William R. Bright and Dr. Pat Robertson.

The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Board of Directors donated a monetary gift for the undergirding and promotion of this program.

Also, Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, president of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, has accepted an invitation to be a National Sponsor of "The National Committee for the Year of the Bible" in support of President Reagan's decree. Dr. William R. Bright is the chairman of this committee.

"We just thought we'd drop by!"



By Rev. John W. Bowers
Assistant to the General Supervisor

Adrienne, my 4-year-old granddaughter, was immensely enjoying herself playing the piano in our home ("playing" it...well, remember I am her grandpa!). Along came her 1½-year-old brother who wanted to participate also. When she asked him not to, he literally slapped her on the cheek! I was shocked!

"Andy," I said quickly, "please let your sister know you are sorry for doing that; you should not have slapped her." Immediately I thought, "How futile—he can't talk yet." But without flinching, he immediately reached around, embraced and patted her, while laying his head on her side.

What a learning moment! He could not talk, but someone—no, perhaps many—had instilled a spirit of repentance in his heart, including his Sunday school teacher. I rejoiced with tears in my eyes.

Christian education has an eternal impact. It is ongoing, from the womb to the tomb. My wife, Betty, and I have dedicated many, many years both to its teaching ministry and outreach, including this very day as I write! But the question arises, how do we foster a continued understanding of the significance and importance of Christian education (the Sunday school) in the local church? How, in a fast-moving world, do we maintain a solid, ongoing educational program?

The key is in the hands of committed, dedicated, Spirit-filled teachers. While me-

The Gallup Poll concluded, "It would appear that Americans today are seeking spiritual fulfillment with a new intensity."

thods are important to a point, teaching the Word must be understood as a high calling, very rewarding, but with personal demands on both the teacher and the pupil.

Christian education is different in this respect from all other kinds of education. Thomas a Kempis said, "Of what does it profit, if thou art able to discourse learnedly concerning the Trinity, and lack compassion, and so art displeasing to the Trinity?" Then again, "As long as we have compassion and are apparently pleasing to the Trinity, need we bother about the Trinity at all?" The answer, of course, is that we need both knowledge and compassion. Christian education is not only knowing the Lord, but understanding Him also, a demand on both the teacher and the pupil.

The teacher is the key. His role is comparable to the art teacher. He must be able to show pupils *how* to paint, as well as be able to show them what it *means* to paint. It is worthwhileness that he must communicate, and he cannot do that by mere insistence.

In recent years, many of our new Foursquare churches have been born in the heat of evangelism and the exhilaration of worship. Neither space nor structural setbacks have allowed for the building of strong Christian education foundations, synonymous with evangelism and worship. But through their continued growth, a sense of need has returned to shore up the foundations with strong Christian education ministries. We at headquarters have been pleased to help!

Up through the '50s and, in some cases, into the '60s, education comprised one of the primary methods of the American church. Frequently there were more people learning in the Sunday school than were worshipping in the church services. However, in the '70s there was a sharp turnaround, and frantically Christian education

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produced added special techniques, audio-visual aids, group dynamics, team teaching, experimental worship services, and home involvement in education. In spite of these additional efforts, the imbalance between evangelism, worship and education continued.

While we never went backwards in Foursquarism, nevertheless we did not keep pace in Christian education with church growth. Now in the '80s, we see the tide just beginning to turn as our newer churches build strong Christian education ministries.

The Princeton Religious Research Center

has produced *Religion in America*, 1982, a report of extensive data gathered from surveys. George Gallup, Jr., concludes his introductory review, "It would appear that Americans today are seeking spiritual fulfillment with a new intensity." This, along with the joint resolution passed by congress and signed into law by President Reagan making 1983 the "Year of the Bible," makes our task of teaching in the field of Christian education a renewed and exciting challenge for the '80s.

Christian education (the Sunday school) affords us opportunities like no other setting; to understand it is a time to be born

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again, a time for learning by memorization, a time for joining a cause, a time for quiet and reflection, a time for stimulus, a time for action, a time for doctrine, a time for taking up responsibilities, and a time for moving "outward" to others. It is also a time for realizing that for some to seek even the right thing at the wrong time turns it into the wrong thing.

In the midst of it all comes a full understanding in teaching the Bible that we have indeed a story of not only how man finds God, through the Lord Jesus Christ, but also a record of what God has done for man.

Christian education—an eternal impact on the lives of Adrienne and Andy, evident through a simple incident with a piano. Praise the Lord...Christian education is very much alive, working and giving its balance in the total ministry of the church.

"Thus says the Lord, 'Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches;

"But let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things'" (Jeremiah 9:23-24, NASV).

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Rev. Bowers holds 10 years of pastoral experience and 15 years of ministry at International Headquarters. For five years until last month he served as National Director of Youth and Christian Education and Foursquare Publications. He now serves as Assistant to the General Supervisor.

Take Advantage of Us!

Dedicated Personnel—Ten very dedicated people in the Christian Education and Publications Department find joy daily in serving the local church with its Christian education needs, including both materials and personnel.

New Director—The new departmental director of Youth and Christian Education assumed office as of March 1—Rev. Tim Peterson, former pastor of the Bend, Oregon, Foursquare Church. Rev. John Bowers relinquished leadership as he is now serving as Assistant to the General Supervisor.

Conference Ministry—While most of the personnel carry out daily ministry from and through the headquarters location, conference ministry through a district or divisional itinerary is available from Rev. Lois Brown, presently serving in the field ministry aspect of Christian education. On occasion, and as time permits, this ministry is also delegated to the local church level through training sessions.

Training Material—In addition to the main task of editing and imprinting the Living Word curriculum and providing training material for use in our Foursquare churches, special courses of study are written. Two new courses are now in the making: "The Declaration of Faith," a condensed one-year course with updated teaching methods, and "The Best Me," a projected one-year childrens course to teach Foursquare Church children how to live out Christian values on a daily basis. The quarterly *Christian Education Digest*, with current concepts and trends emphasized, is printed for distribution to each church also.

C.E. Emphasis Week—A Christian education emphasis week is developed for use in the fall; this year a spring "faithfulness" emphasis program is also being mailed to every church. Through the publication division's distribution center, over 2,000 items are offered to the local church.

Computer System—In January, for the best possible service, a new computer system of invoicing began to provide the church with an attached packing slip to enable cross-referencing of package content. The on-screen computer gives an instant reference on every account for both invoicing and accounts receivable.

Just Call—The Christian Education Department is ready to serve you. Contact us through your local pastor.

Some Christians seem to think that God is not interested in our physical bodies. They are certain He cares about the salvation of our souls, but as far as the human body is concerned, they just shrug their shoulders and say, "Well, let's not bother Him about our afflictions."

Well, praise God, we can call upon the healing ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ! Better yet, we have more than healing. We have a personal relationship with the GREAT PHYSICIAN!

The Great Ruling Covenant

In Exodus 15:26, we have the great ruling covenant that God made with His people. He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (KJV). In the Hebrew language, the name "Jehovah Rapha" means "The Lord thy Physician." This is not merely something that God does; this is something that God is. Remember that. If it is something that God does, we will continually try to get Him to do it. But if it is something that God is, He will always be that.

The name "Jehovah" also refers to the unchangeable nature of God. If that be true, Jehovah is exactly the same today as He was when He gave this covenant to the children of Israel.

No Use For Crutches

The healing ministry of Jesus occupies a very large percentage of the four Gospels. It is amazing how much time He spent with the sick. You get the idea that there must have been hundreds, even thousands, who came to Jesus to be healed.

Our missionaries find that the healing ministry of Jesus gives them an introduction into countries that have never heard the gospel. If you have heard of Brother Claude Updike and his ministry in Guatemala, you know how God used him. One time, he went into a certain town where the authorities were largely influenced by a certain church and asked permission to hold a service in the central plaza. "No" was the answer. They wouldn't even let him pray. He asked if he could read the Bible, and they said that would be okay, but he must not make any comments about it. So Brother Updike agreed.

The plaza was filled with hun-



By Dr. Guy P. Duffield

The four "squares" of the Foursquare Gospel are Jesus the Savior, Jesus the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, Jesus the Healer, and Jesus the Coming King. Dr. Duffield brings the third of this four-part series.

JESUS the HEALER

dreds and hundreds of people, and Brother Updike stood and read from the Word of God. That is all he did. He had not been reading very long when a man way in the back, known to everyone in the village as a cripple, threw down his crutch, and came running forward. Soon, one after another, people all over that plaza were healed by the power of God. There is power in God's Word.

Healing Clearly Taught

Now, the fact that God made provision for the health of our bodies is clearly taught in God's Word. It is taught as clearly as can be. Isaiah 53:4-5 is the great atonement chapter in the Old Testament. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...and with his stripes we are healed" (KJV). It is interesting to notice that the word "griefs" is also translated throughout the Bible as "sicknesses." And the word "sorrows" is also translated as "pain." So He bore our sicknesses and our pain!

This very verse is fulfilled in Matthew 8:16-17: "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 'Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses'" (KJV).

Believe the Promise

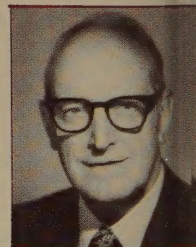
So you say, "How can I get this healing power?" First, you can pray for yourself. "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray" (James 5:13, KJV). Second, you can have other

Christians pray for you. James 5:16 says, "Pray one for another, that ye may be healed" (KJV). Aren't you glad that you don't have to go to Bible school to learn how to pray for the sick?

Another manner in which folks are healed is by the laying on of hands. Jesus said, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18, KJV). Finally, there is the wonderful action of calling for the elders of the church. James 5:14-15 says, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (KJV).

You know, this promise started with God. It wasn't our idea for the Lord to heal us physically; He was the one who gave the promise. And He has been trying to get us to believe His promise ever since. God looks with compassion upon His children who are sick; claim the promise, and God will respond in healing power.

Dr. Guy P. Duffield, professor at LIFE Bible College, Los Angeles, California, received his 50-Year Pin for ministry in 1980. He, along with Dr. N. M. Van Cleave, is currently completing a doctrine textbook for the college which may be the most complete book of systematic theology written by Pentecostal authors.



For a more indepth study on the beginnings and doctrines of the Foursquare Gospel, the paperback book *The Foursquare Gospel*, is available for \$1.75 plus a 20% shipping charge from Foursquare Publications, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.



FAR MORE GOOD THAN BAD

"Far more good than bad" is how Brig. General James Dozier described the results of his 42-day captivity at the hands of the Red Brigade in Italy which ended on Jan. 28, 1982, when government commandoes rescued him. More than a year after the ordeal, Dozier was able to assess the situation positively at a prayer meeting and a session with army wives at Fort Lewis, Washington. It was not good for the general to be abducted, but the outrage has worked together for good, as Dozier pointed out.

How could a kidnapping work together for good? The general explained that his ordeal helped kindle a campaign against the terrorist Red Brigade which has ab-

ducted many enemies and often has killed its victims.

"The important part of this," the Associated Press quoted the general, "was to see Italy demonstrate to the world that it can control a large, well-organized element, and can destroy it without infringing on the rights of individuals."

Joseph in the Bible suffered a comparable ordeal, sold into slavery by his own brothers. It was not good for him to be dropped into a pit, nor to be peddled to Midianite merchants, nor to become a bondsman in the house of Potiphar in Egypt, nor to be falsely accused of attempted rape of Potiphar's wife. It was not good for him to be thrown into prison, nor to be forgotten by the chief butler of Pharaoh whose dream he favorably interpreted. It was not good for him to languish behind bars for two more years after that interpretation.

But all those circumstances worked together for good not only for Joseph, but also for his brothers who wronged him horribly, and for his father Jacob's whole household as well. If Joseph's chain of circumstances had been broken at any point before Pharaoh's dream, he would not have been in the place where God could use him to save the Near East from famine!

Romans 8:28 worked before Paul penned the passage which I would translate, "And we know that God causes

(Westcott and Hort text) all things to work together for good to them that love him and answer the call according to his purpose." And that principle will work until the rapture! Nor is it strangely mysterious.

Baking a cake offers a parallel. Not everything you put into a cake tastes good. I wouldn't want to eat separately the flour or the baking powder or the vanilla or other flavoring. The milk and butter might taste good separately, but not the raw eggs. But all the ingredients work together for good whether they taste good by themselves or not. Leave out the baking powder and what happens to the cake?

Likewise our isolated troubles and problems must not be regarded independently of the finished product God is developing in our lives. Joseph's grievous circumstances worked together for good. General James Dozier's captivity resulted in "far more good than bad." And the same chapter which gives us Romans 8:28 also assures us that we already are super-conquerors through Christ even when we are enduring tribulation (pressure), distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword (war). God causes all things, good and bad, to work together for our good and His glory! **4**

Dr. Cox is the pastor of the Salem, Oregon, Foursquare Church.

Viewpoint

By Daniel Crotty



What About Those Emotional Media Appeals?

"God told me to write you personally," says the computer-generated letter supposedly written on the well-known evangelist's scratch paper and realistically signed by him. You are to know that if you do not respond, he will have to go off the air in your area.

The next day's mail brings a picture of a starving child in some distant land and another urgent appeal. Both appeals are skillfully written and many are quite genuine.

So, to which appeal should we respond? Our tithe of ten percent is spoken of directly in Mal. 3:10 as going to the storehouse wherein we are fed. It is my understanding that this means your church, not the TV evangelist.

"But, brother," you say, "the TV evangelist feeds me also and he says that he needs my support. And what about the starving children? Don't they need food and clothing?"

In answer, let us examine the purpose of the Foursquare Church which, since its founding, has strongly supported worldwide evangelism. "Preach the Word" is not an idle slogan or phrase. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world..." (Mark 16:15, KJV). This is a command that the International Church has been carrying out with the direct and vital support of your offerings through your local Foursquare church. There simply is no single benefactor with a large diamond mine that pays the bills. It is everyone, great and small, in our local churches who make it possible for 47 countries to be reached with the gospel.

We must examine closely the stewardship of the funds God has blessed us with. Is responding to the mass-mailed emotional request truly good stewardship in our case? 1 Timothy 5:8 speaks quite strongly about providing for our own and especially for those of our "house."

In no way is this to imply that any *Advance* reader is an "infidel" (a description used by Timothy). Instead, this exhortation is given in love to the Foursquare Family to support those who labor in our overseas work. Taking a love offering for the visiting missionary is only a beginning. If we return him to the field, we must support his work on the field.

Those famous evangelists do a good work; each week they reach audiences in

the millions. Their requests mailed to your home are sent out by the literal hundreds of thousands. But many of the TV and radio evangelists never see your reply or your check.

However, our personal contact with you is through the *Foursquare World Advance* magazine and your local missionary representative and pastor. Believing in your faithfulness, there has never been a computer mailing from Foursquare Missions.

Yes, we do reach and feed ragged children who used to live under the city's bridges in Honduras. Our orphanage in Macao has taken care of hundreds of children. And, yes, we seek additional funds to feed hungry children in Haiti and Mexico, and to replenish our disaster relief funds (most recently used for Kauai Foursquare hurricane relief).

Then just how important is your offering? Consider: if every active member including adults and children would have given just one \$25 offering in a year's time, the 1981 Foursquare Missions budget would have been met. Consider: \$25 will buy 10 seconds on a local TV station for the evangelist, or it will support a national worker AND his family for a week on our mission field. **4**

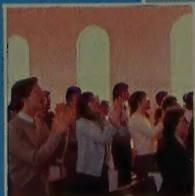
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